

BHSN Band Booster Meeting

August 11, 2011 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:46 pm. Present were: Vicki Polansky (President), Becky Connor (Asst. Treasurer), Marion Hunt (Spiritwear), Angela Marcum, Shaylea Hochstetler, Janis Stockhouse (Director of Bands), Tania Gardner (Treasurer), Richard Van Arsdel, Lisa Ensman (Webmaster), Janis Parker (Vice President), Susie Graham (Directory Chair), Nancy Metz, Perry Metz, Erin Wager-Miller, Kevin Killigrew (Concessions), Michelle Bright (Grocery Cards/Scrip), Caroline Johnson, Michelle Woolbright (Uniforms/Chaperones), Sharon Mayell (Grocery Cards/Scrip), Maureen Potter, Jenny Stevens (Secretary). Introductions were made.

The minutes from the June 27, 2011 meeting were approved.

Vicki Polansky presented a Strategic Plan for the band program that was created in 2001-2002 which included a mission statement, values, goals and objectives. It was noted that many of the same issues are still a concern.

Janis Stockhouse reported that the band bank accounts were successfully moved to the IU Credit Union. She answered questions about the budget approved at the last meeting. She also briefly reported on the progress of the Patron committee which met earlier in the week. The plan is to kick-off the drive in early October in order to include Patrons in the first band concert program in November.

Janis Parker reported that the March-a-thon has launched with packets of info going to each MB member with an individual goal of raising \$250. Info is also accessible on the band website, thanks to Lisa Ensman. The fundraiser is off to a good start and will be promoted on the listserv to spur band families to work hard on their goal before school starts next week. There are personal and band section incentives to reach and exceed goals.

Kevin Killigrew reported on the search for a cab and driver for the MB competitions. Stone Belt Freight is donating a cab and fuel this year. A potential driver has come forward and Janis S. is working through the insurance and other issues with Stone Belt, the driver, and MCCSC. It was approved to offer the driver \$150 per competition (8 this year) to help defray the cost of his personal expenses to get to Bloomington from Terre Haute each weekend and partially compensate for his time.

Vicki Polansky explained the MB Pitch-in event set for August 20. We will have tables manned for parents to complete various volunteer and other tasks: Chaperones (Michelle W.), Medical forms (?), Spiritwear (Kevin Hunt & Sharon), Dues (Tania), Student Accounts (Becky), Grocery cards/Scrip (Michelle B.), Directory (Susie). Boosters working should arrive at 4 pm to set up. Band parents will arrive at 4:30, students will eat at 5:00, followed by parents. Janis and Vicki will talk to parents at 6:00, with Michelle B. explaining expanded Scrip program. Students will preview band show for parents at 6:30 pm. Vicki/Janis S. will contact school regarding custodians. Vicki will send a notice to the listserv previewing the pitch-in checklist.

Michelle Bright explained a program to expand the scrip fundraising. Various ways were discussed to promote and enroll parents in the program.

Janis Parker proposed surveying parents at the Pitch-in to get a list of parent's skills and talents to use as projects arise.

Michelle Woolbright suggested we sell off old show t-shirts, outdated Souvenir Yearbooks, and various other items at discounted prices at the Pitch-in. Thanks to those who cleaned out the band storage attic.

Becky Connor explained Student Accounts. Band Boosters earmark funds for students that participate in various fundraisers, including the grocery card program. These funds can be used to help pay for band trips, MB fees and certain other band expenses.

A discussion was held on how best to collect band dues. Each band family is asked to pay \$25 in dues per year. These are usually collected at the Pitch-in, but it is difficult to reach the non-MB families. Invoicing families after the Pitch-in occurs was discussed as a possibility.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Connor